









# A BOX OF ROSES

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I considered myself ill-treated. I had come home to find the house deserted, my mother and sister gone out of town, and myself abandoned to the tender mercies of the servants.

Of course I was sorry my small nephew was ill, but surely his mother could manage to pull him through the measles without summoning all her female relatives to help in the operation.

A knock at the door interrupted my musings, and one of the maids entered the room.

"If you please, Mr. Charles, it's a box of flowers for Miss Annie, and I don't know what to do with them, now she's gone away."

"Oh, I suppose you'd better get some vases and put them in water, Mary," I answered indifferently. "They'll be withered by the time my sister gets back, but it's the best thing we can do." "Serve her right for going out of town," I muttered under my breath as the maid departed to fill the vases.

And then an idea struck me; a superb idea, so audacious and yet so simple that I was restored to good humor in a moment.

"Mary!" I shouted, "you needn't bring the vases—I'll take care of the flowers myself." And stepping to the district telegraph I called I rang for a messenger.

"Then I cut the string, opened the box and removed the wrappings. A superb bunch of pink roses, tied with a ribbon of the same shade, met my eyes, and tucked into one corner was a card, on which was engraved the familiar legend:

Mr. James R. Woodward

Union Club.

Without disturbing the flowers, I removed the card, substituting one of my own, on which I scribbled, "Wear these to-night, to please me." Then I tied up the box in a fresh piece of paper, addressed it to a girl who was to give a dance that evening, and dispatched it as soon as the messenger arrived.

By this stroke of genius I had paid a graceful compliment to a charming girl and rescued some beautiful roses from wasting their blushing beauty on the desert air of our forsaken house.

Of course, I meant to tell Annie about it when she came home, and give her Woodward's card, which I carefully laid aside for the purpose. She would thank me; Fannie Vane would thank me, and Woodward ought to be grateful to me for putting his useless gift to so good a purpose.

However, he never would be likely to know anything about it, and perhaps, on the whole, it would be well he wouldn't. He had been in love with my sister all winter, and a man in that condition is touchy on the subject of attentions to his charmer. He likes to fancy his conspicuous devotion is invisible to the eagle eyes of society.

As a solitary dinner has few attractions for me, I decided to dine at the club, drop in and hear an act of "Faust" and get to the dance at a reasonable hour.

When I entered the ballroom with a smile on my lips and a pretty speech all ready for my fair hostess, I received a shock which froze my smile into an unpleasant glare, and scattered my composure to the four winds of heaven.

There was nothing baleful or malign in the appearance of the young man who was the cause of my unpleasant sensations; on the contrary, even now, in spite of the coldness with which he treats me, I am forced to admit he is rather a presentable-looking chap, but that peculiar stare, that cold stare, that stare which I know of no friend, and scarcely of any foe, whom I should not have preferred to meet, for it was Jim Woodward, who had sent the roses to my sister, engaged in animated conversation with Miss Fannie Vane, who at that moment wore those identical roses fastened on her gown.

I would have avoided them if I had my way, but my hostess, who had a hand was not to be overlooked, so I grasped it and stammered out something about the weather, which I fear was a sad contrast to the graceful speech I had prepared.

Miss Vane fortunately paid little attention to my lame vamping. "You are just in time," she said with a gracious smile. "To settle a dispute as to the name of these roses. I tell you, they are Baroness Rothschild's, and Mr. Woodward ungraciously contradicts me."

"My dear Miss Vane," I replied, "I'm not an authority on roses, but I believe they are Baroness Rothschild's; and I beg to assure you they are charming against that pink gown."

"The latter point, Charles, I'm entirely with you, but on the former, I'm afraid I disagree with you and Miss Vane," broke in Woodward. "The leaves are a shade too deep, and the petals a trifle longer. I am almost certain they are some new hybrid just brought out this season." As he spoke he stooped to examine the roses and came away with surprise.

"Pardon me, Miss Vane, if I compliment you upon the pin which fastens your flowers. It is beautiful, and I have never seen but one like it."

Miss Vane smiled at me. "Yes," she said, "it's a very pretty thing, and I quite fancy it myself." Then, turning to me, "Mr. McBride, what has become of those sisters of yours? She promised faithfully to come to my dance."

Devoutly thankful that the conversation had taken a turn which led away from floral decoration I launched into a detailed account of the circumstances which had taken my mother

and sister out of town, and was dilating with an earnestness which I felt became me well, in Miss Vane's eyes, at least, on my little nephew's sufferings, and our anxiety on his account, when my sister, smiling, graceful and self-possessed, walked to the room. "In the name of?" I ejaculated. "You dear child, how delighted I am to see you," gushed Miss Vane. "Mr. McBride, I believe you have been trying to serve some evil purpose by locking up your sister in the garret at home and stealing off to the ball without her."

"Charles has his faults," smiled my sister, "but I must do him the justice to say they are not of the Bluebeard order. When mother and I reached Orange the doctor declared that little Jack had nothing worse than a cold and a touch of fever, and that a day or two in bed would make him as good as new. So we came back to town, mother and I, and Charles went out, the house deserted, and dinner conspicuous by its absence. But I wasn't going to miss your dance to-night, Fannie, dear, so I hurried into my evening gown, ordered the carriage, and here I am, in spite of Orange and its measles."

"And now that you are here, and Jersey is relegated to its proper place in the background, let me have the pleasure of this walk," said Woodward, and they moved away, leaving me alone with Fannie.

I was relieved beyond words to have them go; each moment I trembled at the thought that what I had done might be found out. I was fond of little Johnny, very fond, but I could not tell it to my heart to wish—well, not that he really had the measles, but that he would have looked as though he had, at least until tomorrow. After the valcopole I sent him at Christmas, it was little enough to ask.

Miss Vane took advantage of this opportunity to thank me very prettily for the roses I had been good enough to send her.

"Not now," I said, "let me have this walk, before anyone else comes to carry you off."

My arm was around her; we gilded away among the revolving couples, and I was safe. Never did I dance with such readiness, such abandon, for the relief from the strain was tremendous. I don't know what I said as I whirled her along—I really wasn't responsible—but I fancy it was a little warmer than our hitherto genial intercourse warranted, for I remember she protested I was really a dreadful flirt, and that I mustn't say such things.

When the music ceased we stopped, and I laid planned, and the door was ajar, and Miss Vane was seized upon by a wild little youth with a blonde mustache and a stutter, and I was free.

I escaped to the smoking room, lit a cigar and tried to think it out.

My first impulse was to take Annie aside at the earliest opportunity and make a clean breast of what I had done, but prudence forbade. I had no doubt of her willingness to shield me, but I felt serious doubts of her ability to do so should Woodward cross-question her on the subject. My sister was a conscientious young woman, who abhorred even a white fib, and strict adherence to actual facts was a terrible handicap in diplomacy.

If I held my peace till the morning she could tell me all the news, and she would have received no flowers, and the blame would rest either on the florist—whose name, by the way, I'd give something to recall—or on our servants.

It was possible Jim might meet his injury by silent resentment and hold himself aloof for the rest of the evening, in which case I would be pretty safe.

To-morrow, when I'd told my tale and presented my peace offering, Annie should write him a note, saying an accident prevented the flowers arriving in time for her to carry them—and no harm would be done.

When I finally alone entered the ballroom Annie reluctantly turned aside at her call. "Did anything come to the house for me to-day, Charles?" she asked, looking up at me with her frank blue eyes full of sisterly affection.

My temper had been roused by the interview through which I had just passed, and this query did not tend to improve it, but I answered indifferently, "I believe I saw some letters lying around, but I didn't pay much attention to them."

"I don't mean letters, but packages," she said. "Somebody sent me some flowers especially to wear this evening, and that somebody wants to know why I haven't got them on. I told him I was certain they had never come to the house, and told everything about it."

"My dear Nana, I answered some what crossly, 'I left the house at six o'clock, and haven't been home since, and I don't see how you can expect me to look after all the foolish parcels that go astray.'"

"At last the ball was over and Annie and I were free to depart. I should have gone out of my senses 'if I had strain had lasted another hour. The roses and quicksands had nearly terminated my career a dozen times, but I had escaped shipwreck and was deeply, humbly thankful."

Next day I came uptown earlier than usual armed with a box of roses as near as possible like those on which I had told untruthful lies. Annie was generally at home and alone at that hour, and it would be a favorable opportunity to tell my tale and make restitution. I had no doubt of being forgiven; in fact, there was nothing to forgive. My motives had been good, and in view of the circumstances, my action was perfectly justifiable. No one could foresee the rapid conquest of Jack's illness and my sister's consequent return to town.

Naturally, Annie might take an unholy joy in my bad quarters of an hour at the ball, but she had a strong sense of humor, and would probably agree with me in thinking the whole thing an excellent joke.

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## I Heard a Thrush

I heard a thrush in the morning singing.  
(O clean was the world when the dawn came up)  
And over the dew and dreams for the rose's cup.  
Fresh dew and dreams for the rose's cup.

Blank was my heart on that shining morning.  
(O white was the world at the break of the day)  
Before the thrush sang, and the dawn was dawning.  
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But I heard a thrush in the morning singing.  
(O little was that voice that shined mine own)  
And I sang with him, and for some strange reason  
Peace from the darkness where grief had flown!

—Charles Hanson Towne.

## ONE VALENTINE'S MYSTERIOUS CAREER

By CORA STUART WHEELER

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"I don't know why I shouldn't," said Harrie Arnold, slowly.

"Nobody thinks much of valentines unless they are truly in love," said a quick bluish man, and he was just vaguely, "Why, he will be just too pleased to think of criticising me, even if he guesses who sent it."

"Well," I said, "I suppose I might as well tell you how the whole thing happened. I intended to tell Annie away, but I have done nothing to be ashamed of, but it had any idea the life those plagued roses were going to lead me, I'd have let them wither in their box ten times over before I would have touched them with the tips of my fingers." Thereupon I gave them a detailed account of the arrival of the flowers, the substitution of my card for that which accompanied them, and the explanation of the reason for the substitution.

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salve to his conscience. When Peter Dukes returned to 33 Clifton place that night, he found his little sickly daughter, Rosy, turning over the valentine with wistful interest.

"Who'd ever think of sendin' me a valentine?" said Peter, pleased in spite of his persistent widowhood.

"What becom' of the wrappin', Rosy dear? Mebbe I'd know the hand-write."

"Wasn't hand-write, daddy, but just like the newspaper, and I give it to Miss O'Grady when she came in for 'somethin' to start up her fire a bit."

"Prin'—that settles it," said Peter. "You Mary Patterson, I'll say a name as good as the next one; but Sarah Collins—well, I do believe she's knowin' than I thought."

Unconsciously to herself, Harrie had expected that Clayton's own heart would suggest all that she had so carefully hidden; young Dukes, on his part, as he had made no effort to conceal the fact that his ten-dollar bill had paid for the magnificent roses, felt perfectly justified in expecting some acknowledgment.

A dinner-dance at Mrs. Carrington's was at last to bring them together.

Things fell out all criss-cross as they often do. Miss Arnold, whom he had expected descending the staircase, made such an effort to appear perfectly natural, that a quite unnatural hauteur distinguished the carriage of the head, startling into equally unnatural coldness the greeting of Mr. Dukes.

The latter said to himself: "She takes this manner of showing her disapproval of such conduct as a sign of her superiority. Well, Clayton, old man, there's only one thing for you to do; accept your conge without making a further fool of yourself."

Harrie was not quite so precipitate, but after a dance which in no wise thawed their dignity into friendliness, she, poor child, was ready to melt into tears of mortification, to hide which, she retreated into the corner of the room.

But her unhappiness was not allowed its way, for her Cousin Harry came upon her, breathlessly, and only desisted from bearing her back to the ballroom, upon being convinced of her fatigue.

Harry Arnold was not a young man to lose such an opportunity as this; if he could not dance with her, he could propose to her, and when he could have the chance?

It was a year afterward that Mrs. Harrie Arnold, as she chose to write herself now-a-days, came hastily into her friend Gertrude Carrington's room, one morning, to carry her away for a walk.

"Peter has married again, and married a foolish kind of a good girl, whom he never thought of until he got this valentine which he supposed she sent. Now, she says, she never sent it, and as they don't know any other Dukes, this asked her to let her bring it home to me, and here in the corner we found 'C. Dukes,' so I'm going to accuse Clayton (we're not married yet, you know) of having a sweetheart somewhere of whom he has never told me!"

Pretty Mrs. Arnold smiled a little, blushed a good deal, but as she was a happy little bride, and Gertrude soon to be one, she simply said:

"How very mysterious!"

And St. Valentine laughed in his sleeve as he counted out three valentines from one valentine's mysterious career.

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## SOME SEWING HINTS

FOR THE WOMAN OF ECONOMICAL TURN OF MIND.

Width of Shoulders a Distinctive Mark of the New Shirts—How Proper Effect May Be Given Them.

The new shirtwaist is distinctive on account of the width of the shoulders. Do not imagine for one moment that this effect may be obtained by cutting the shoulder seam extra large—that is to say, by running it down on the arm.

It can't. The proper width must be given by the correct line of the shoulder seam; otherwise the sleeve cannot be properly put in, and will drop in an ugly way over the arm, giving an ill-fitting, thoroughly home-made appearance to the shirtwaist.

It will be real economy to buy a plain shirtwaist of the newest cut and the proper bust measure and not attempt to remodel a pattern of the last season. The new pattern will be cut out according to the lines of an expert draughtsman, and with care in using it a perfect shirtwaist is bound to result.

In the majority of the waists shown variety is given by the different ways of trimming and not by different shaped patterns. When tucks are to be used, no matter how they are shaped or grouped, the length of the back and the fronts should be torn down on the material, and the tucking done on these straight pieces.

If the waist is to button in front and the tucks are to run the full length, it will be found much easier to leave the fronts in one piece and tuck them. If it buttons in the back, the same idea will naturally follow. In so doing, the possibility of the two sides being unevenly spaced will be done away with.

When insertion of lace or embroidery are used between the groups of tucks it will be more economical if the pattern is planned on the piece, and the fronts and back cut out before the insertion is sewed on. In this way will be avoided the waste of lace and embroidery when the neck and arm holes are cut out.

When making the insertion on back through the right side of the material, and stitch it by machine on each side. Then the material is cut from beneath, leaving about one-eighth of an inch on each side to turn back and stitch down neatly so that it will not fray. The sleeves, cuffs and collars of all the lingerie should be treated in the same way.



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## Call for Democratic State Convention

By the direction of the Democratic State Central committee a delegate convention of the democratic party of the state of Wisconsin is hereby called, to be held in the city of Milwaukee, Thursday, February 12th, 1908, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proposing delegates to be voted for at the primaries, and to the Democratic National Convention to be held at Denver, July 7th, 1908, and to propose delegates to be voted for at the primaries.

All voters of Wisconsin, irrespective of past party affiliations, who believe in the principles of the democratic party, are urged to co-operate in electing delegates to this convention.

The representatives to which each county is entitled is designated below. The apportionment being made on the basis of one delegate for each two hundred votes or fraction thereof cast for the democratic presidential candidate in 1904:

Adams 2, Ashland 4, Barron 4, Bayfield 2, Brown 4, Buffalo 5, Burnett 1, Calumet 7, Chippewa 9, Clark 6, Columbia 10, Crawford 7, Dane 20, Dodge 26, Door 8, Douglas 6, Dunn 4, Eau Claire 7, Florence 1, Fond du Lac 29, Forest 1, Outage 2, Grant 15, Green 8, Green Lake 7, Grant 15, Iron 2, Jackson 3, Jefferson 10, Juneau 7, Kewaunee 8, Koshong 8, LaCrosse 16, Manitowish 10, Langlade 6, Lincoln 6, Manitowish 10, Marathon 7, Marinette 5, Marquette 4, Milwaukee 25, Monroe 9, Oconto 8, Oneida 3, Outagamie 16, Oshkosh 8, Pepin 2, Pierce 4, Polk 2, Portage 11, Price 5, Racine 13, Richland 7, Rock 12, St. Croix 8, Sauk 10, Sawyer 2, Shawano 7, Sheboygan 18, Taylor 7, Trempealeau 6, Vernon 15, Vilas 2, Washburn 7, Washburn 12, Waushara 14, Waupesa 5, Waushara 2, Wisconsin 21, Wood 8.

Proxies will only be recognized when presented by actual residents of the same county as the delegates represented.

The credentials of all delegates elected to said convention shall be certified to the State Central Committee by the Chairman and Secretary of the respective county committee and forwarded to the Chairman of the State Central Committee at Milwaukee immediately after their election.

By order of the Democratic State Central Committee.  
H. H. Hanson, Chairman.  
W. C. Hawley, Secretary.  
Wausau, Wis., January 8th, 1908.

## ARPIN.

At 8 p. m. last Wednesday evening, Jan. 1st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wiesbauer occurred the marriage of their daughter, Mahol, to Martin A. Proffitt of Vesper. The home was prettily decorated for the occasion, with ferns and pink and white roses. The bride was attended by Miss Mae Wittman and the groom by his brother Lloyd Proffitt of Dale, Wis. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served to a large number of invited guests after which they all went to the Arpin hall where dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Many pretty and useful presents were received. Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Proffitt and family of Dale, Me. and Mrs. Walter Wiesbauer and Miss Stoughton of Fond du Lac and Mrs. Roseman of Marshfield. Mr. and Mrs. Proffitt will reside at Vesper where the groom is depot agent in the new Union depot. Their many friends wish them joy and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kissinger and daughters Doris and Alice of Marshfield were Sunday guests at Duval Robinson's.

Miss Stoughton left for her home in Fond du Lac Saturday after a week's visit at the Wiesbauer home.

Miss Anita held services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening.

Ed Morris is on the sick list.

Misses Bertha and Emma Groff of Appleton are visiting their sister, Mrs. H. Roebig.

Mrs. Roseman of Marshfield is visiting at the Wiesbauer home.

The report that the Wisconsin Central Ry. Co. was going to cut the 8 hour operator law out in the courts was all talk, it seems, as the officers of the company say that they had no idea of doing such a thing, but had been making all the preparations to comply with the law. It begins to look as if the new law would cause the residents of small towns more inconvenience than anybody else, as in many places the operators have been taken away entirely and where there was no other communication with the outside world, it is rather inconvenient.

When the Stomach, Heart, or Kidney nerves get weak, then these organs always fail. Don't drug the Stomach. Don't stimulate the Heart or Kidneys. That is simply a makeshift. Get the Restorative known to Druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak nerves. Build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Free sample test sent on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Your health is surely worth this simple test. Wood Co. Drug Co.

## NEKOOSA.

(From the Times.)

Last Saturday the destruction of F. K. Richmond's barn by fire was narrowly averted when it was discovered that a painful of coal ashes had set fire to a coal lying on a refrigerator, the top of the ice box being also burned. There had apparently been no fire in the coal stove for about twenty-four hours up to Saturday morning when Mr. Richmond cleaned out the stove for the purpose of starting a fire in it. He took the ashes into the barn and temporarily placed the pan on the refrigerator, intending later on to sift the ashes.

Agent C. F. Wedel, of the Wisconsin Central depot here, has been notified by the company that he will be required to be on duty only eight hours per day on account of the new law regarding the employment of telegraph operators. Mr. Wedel is of the opinion that his office hours will be from nine a. m. until five p. m., the company not yet having specified just this time he will be required to be at the station.

F. X. Gracie has leased the Thompson building on Market street, adjoining his present location and is having the necessary alterations made for placing his barber shop in the front of the building and his cigar factory into the rear, using a glass partition between the two thereby giving the cigar makers plenty of light and at the same time keeping the two enterprises directly separate.

Miss Cora Heister went to Grand Rapids on Saturday to visit relatives and in the evening of that day she returned to Chicago, after visiting relatives here for a week.

Miss Mary Barstow, of Grand Rapids, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bruchman, whose daughter, Marjorie, is her schoolmate at the Grand Rapids high school.

Mrs. Henry Fitch and two daughters are ill with an attack of the grip. Miss Lucille Passafiuma, a trained nurse from the Loma hospital, is at the Fitch home taking care of them.

Percy Cleveland has accepted a position as helper in the C. M. & St. P. station at Arbor Vitae, Vilas county, and left for that place Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steib of Grand Rapids, returned home on Saturday after a few days visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. E. Smith.

## REMINGTON.

Frank Rodin of Nekoosa was a visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. Huse, several days last week.

Victor Karboskie and sister returned from Milwaukee last Saturday after spending several days visiting with their brother.

Mrs. Anna Oumafing and son William were guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lowe several days last week.

Advice to Mothers: Don't let your children suffer from colds. Keep them strong and healthy during the winter with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It is the greatest tonic for children. Pure and harmless, does the greatest good. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Johnson & Hill Co.

## REMINGTON.

Too late for last week.

Christmas was observed here at the school in district No. 3. The school children spoke their places well and took part in several dialogues. Much credit is due their teacher, Miss Keenan for her kindness and careful training of the pupils. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and loaded with gifts from Santa Claus for the children.

Victor Karboskie and sister, Virginia have gone to Milwaukee to spend Christmas with their brother.

Mrs. A. Hase departed for Nekoosa last Saturday where she will visit for some time with her daughters, Mrs. Backoskie and Mrs. Compton.

Mrs. P. Seebuck and son Frank and her little grandson have gone to Milwaukee to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Agnes Keenan entertained her sister Anna several days last week. Paul Seebuck returned home last Friday from a week's visit with his sister, Mrs. Lena Karboskie. He was accompanied home by his little nephew who will remain here with his grandmother during the winter.

School is closed in district No. 3 and teacher and pupils will rest from their labors for a period of two weeks.

## How to Avoid Appendicitis.

Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orinolaxative/Pain Syrup cures the liver and bowels and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orinolaxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or grip, and is made of pleasant drug and vegetable substitutes. Daily use cures. Return to Druggists.

## BIRON.

Too late for last week.

Miss Nettie Akoy returned to her work at Eau Claire Monday, after spending a week with her parents and friends in this city.

The dance at Pessley's hall Thursday night was well attended and all present report a good time.

Misses Gertrude and Belle LaVague of your city were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crockett Monday evening.

George Tomasky of your city spent Sunday evening at the A. L. Akoy home, the guest of Miss Nettie.

A farewell party was given Sunday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John Pessley in honor of the latter's brother, Nic Carthuiser, who left Monday morning for the west.

The infant daughter of Bart Gaffney, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, is rapidly recovering at this writing.

Master Lawrence Akoy of Rudolph is spending his vacation with relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff DeMars and family spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Pates and family at Rudolph.

Reslo Havenor is gradually recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

The Price of Peace.

## YESPER.

Too late for last week.

One little burg was quite startled when our name was brought in to a prisoner accused of having a rabbit in his possession and was fined \$25. We cannot condone the ears warden for doing his duty. But why any set of men will possess such laws is a mystery to the writer. The rabbit is an animal that has caused the nursery and orchard raiser millions of dollars and loss in the United States. They have become a nuisance in the older country. There should be a bounty on them instead of making it a crime. It is an elective and it would be well for the people to look into the laws and make our representatives pledge themselves to change some of our present barbaric laws. It is getting about time for the people to wake up and know that they are taxed about the limit. Perhaps we should be thankful that the air is free.

The entertainment given by Miss Georgia Conklin in the school house at Aldorf on Christmas was very good and was largely attended also many strangers visited the school on the evening of the entertainment.

Carl Gelsinger, who is employed as cook in a camp up at Keshau, came down to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Gelsinger of Hausen.

The dance given at Seneca Corners in Bohemian hall, Dec. 29, was largely attended and a very good time was reported.

Messrs. Frank and John Shear of Aldorf shot a wolf on the 25th of Dec. in the woods on Robt. Lee's farm.

The Farmers' Creamery began operations the 15th inst. They have teams on the road gathering cream bringing it in for milk around. The farmers have a fine up to date plant and every farmer should avail himself of the opportunity to get his milk product worked up at once.

Our genial townswoman, John Flaungan, is deputy for the M. W. A. and has secured fifteen members for Vesper camp.

Mr. Flaungan is authority on woodcraft.

P. E. Fox of Jefferson is visiting friends in Vesper and vicinity and is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Lynn Turner.

Mr. Litko is drawing logs to the Vesper sawmill to get lumber for his new barn.

Several of our people are getting their chickens ready for the Grand Rapids Poultry show next week.

Alice Metrick had a very successful Christmas program at her school east of Vesper.

Our station agent, Mr. Prentiss, is away on his wedding tour. We are anxiously waiting for cigars.

Trical Catarrh treatments are being made out free, on request, by Dr. Shoop's Restorative. These cures are given to the people without a doctor's cost—the great value of this scientific prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. Sold by Wood Co. Drug Co.

## MEEHAN.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pike are visiting relatives at Cranmoor and Arundel.

Miss Anna Lutz is working in the Knitfactory at Stevens Point.

Chasley and Pete Denson are hauling hay from the marsh.

Mark Henniss and Kella Wilson were at Stevens Point Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pettis spent Saturday in Plover.

Norman Parsons, Roy Pike and Arthur Cleland are hauling hay from the town of Grant Saturday.

Mrs. M. E. Munger went to Amherst New Year's to visit relatives for a week or two.

John Henniss is working for Henry Lutz quarrying rock.

E. L. Bailey is under the care of Dr. Wallace with a very sore throat.

## SHERRY.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Norton returned Monday from their wedding tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Shidell spent New Year day with their daughter, Mrs. O. M. Paulson.

Good sleighing adds much to the happiness of the New Year in this community.

Miss Kemp of Neillville arrived Dec. 31st and will act as nurse at the N. C. I. Both students and teachers are very happy as Miss Kemp seems to be just the person they have been longing to greet for some time past.

The watch meeting at the Presbyterian church New Year's Eve proved a great success in the way of bringing souls nearer God. The meeting was well attended and New Year was a happy one for all.

Miss Jennie Whitney and C. A. Paulson spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Humphrey.

A baby girl was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zarnacke Dec. 31st.

Many young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jantz the afternoon of Jan. 1st.

The mission meeting of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. S. A. Martin Jan. 2nd, eleven members being present. The meeting proved very interesting. Invitations are extended to all ladies of the community to attend the next meeting the first Thursday of February. Will give the name of member whom the ladies will meet with on that date in a later issue of this paper.

Mrs. Geo. Dillie and Mrs. Hugh Williams had a very narrow escape Thursday. The ladies were out riding when the cutter broke and ran away. Fortunately neither are seriously injured.

Two new students arrived to attend the N. O. I. with the beginning of the new year.

Miss Carolyn Lusk returned to Lake Mills Thursday where she is teaching school.

## Peculiar Complaint of Woman.

A New York society woman complains that she cannot visit any of the public parks because they are "littered with children." Pity the world was ever littered with her sort.—Montgomery Advertiser.

## CRANMOOR.

After weeks of enforced restraint, we again "take our pen in hand" to the Editors of this sheet, to Mrs. Palmetier at Madison, and all other friends who "look first for Cranmoor" note, we extend hearty greeting. May the year just dawn bring to all, health, happiness and prosperity. One of our New Year resolutions is to keep the many absent ones posted, so far as possible, as to the welfare of their friends at Cranmoor. It is not our purpose, much less our desire, to give to the public any matter that anyone would desire withheld. If we are ever guilty, it will be a misapprehension, not an intentional error. The readers of the Tribune are many. We also have many and some of them far reaching. We know from experience how eagerly one scans the local, country correspondence and even advertisements of the "old home" paper to learn of the doings of friends both near and remote. In our thinly settled and far-between-homes district it is a difficult task to procure the aid and co-operation of all Cranmoorians and will be gratified and grateful if each household will give us every week some item of interest for their neighbors or distant friends.

A. E. Bennett and son Emory have been taking a few days vacation seeing the sights and visiting relatives in the city of Chicago. They were accompanied by Late Brooks of Nekoosa.

Mrs. John Woodell of Rudolph and sister, Miss Lela Potter of your city, have been guests of several days at their brother Oscar's home.

Gilman Warner is at present at the hospital at Grand Rapids where he recently submitted to an operation for a trouble of long standing. That he may soon recover health and strength is the wish of his many friends.

Miss Emma Fitch returned to Chicago Monday after a two weeks visit with her relatives, the W. H. Fitch family.

Mrs. J. J. Emmerich and son James spent Friday evening with friends at Nekoosa.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Whitteley spent the holiday week including Christmas day at Necoah and Flintville and were callers at Appleton and Green Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Jaspore of Port Edwards made the trip with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Potter entertained members of the A. E. Bennett and M. O. Potter families to a dinner party New Year's day.

We regret to chronicle the poor health of Auntie Rezin, who has been suffering with a serious stomach trouble. We trust improvement may be rapid.

Miss Margaret Grainger took the 5 p. m. train Friday terminating a visit of some days at the Edward Kruger home.

John Smith, manager of the Arpin marsh, went to your city Friday evening.

## SHERRY.

Christmas time was a glad one in this town. old Santa and his dear wife visited the Presbyterian church and delivered the many gifts and smokes of candy and toys to the little ones. A very beautiful and appropriate program was also given by the Sunday school which was enjoyed by all.

R. E. Norton and Miss Winona Enders were united in marriage in the chapel room of the Northwestern Collegiate Institute, Dec. 28th at four o'clock.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. S. Martin in presence of fifty guests. Miss Oline of Stevens Point acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Agnew as best man.

The happy couple departed Friday noon on their wedding tour. Every one wishes them success and many joys and few sorrows.

Miss Jennie Whitney is home for the holidays.

Miss Thompson departed for her home in Poyntette, Dec. 23. She will return for the opening of school Jan. 2nd.

Rev. and Mrs. Patch of Stevens Point were in Sherry a few days last week.

Miss Carolyn Lusk is home for a few days during the holidays.

Mrs. Hamberger and family are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Paulson entertained Rev. Patch and wife also Mr. Agnew last Friday.

Ellsworth, Whitney, who had the misfortune of breaking his leg some time ago, is up and around on crutches.

## VANDRESEN.

Too late for last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Wingardien spent Christmas with relatives at Waunakee.

Mrs. Winnie Cowles and children spent Christmas with her parents here.

Ed Blood visited his brother, Henry, at your city several days and his two places returned home with him for several days visit.

The Christmas tree at this school house was very much enjoyed by the little folks. The school house was very prettily decorated and the program very good.

Mrs. W. J. Smith and daughters are guests at Weldon's during the holidays.

Miss Alice Wood is visiting her grandmother at Plainfield.

Gardner Smith of Bancroft visited at Ed Blood's several days last week.

John Smith of Meenah visited at Mr. Halse's several days last week.

Milo Brown is on the sick list. Misses Blanche and May Camp are spending the holidays at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. A. Jero, at Grand Rapids.

W. Weldon made a business trip to Plainfield Friday.

You can avoid pneumonia and other serious results from a cold by taking Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough and expels the cold from the system. It is a mild, pleasant, refreshing cure, but the genuine in the yellow package. Daily Drug & Jewelry Co.

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## PORT EDWARDS.

New Year's eve was the seventeenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. T. Timlin and in honor of the event, thirty of their friends assembled at their home that evening and helped them celebrate in a fitting manner. The evening was most pleasantly spent closing with a fine lunch. The guests presented their hosts with a dozen of beautiful silver knives and forks and spoons.

Misses Ada Auerott and Edna Deyo entertained a number of their young friends at a dancing party New Year's eve at the hall in honor of Miss Pearl Straussman of Thorpe. Refreshments were served and all report a good time.

John Jarvis, one of the old residents of this place, passed away Friday morning of pneumonia, after an illness of one week at the age of sixty years. He leaves two sons to mourn his death. Mr. Jarvis was well known and highly esteemed and all will be sorry to hear of his death.

D. Whitmore is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. L. LeRoux entertained Mrs. A. Zerkoff of Nekoosa Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Gates of Wittenberg has been a guest at the Garrison home the past week.

O. LeRoux of Sherry drove down to be present at the funeral of J. Jarvis.

Miss Pearl Straussman returned to Thorpe after a two weeks visit with her brother, W. Straussman and family.

Mrs. Surpison is very ill with pneumonia.

Messdames C. Peterson and E. B. Garrison were Grand Rapids shoppers Thursday.

## HANSEN.

Too late for last week.

A big fall of snow Sunday night and Monday helps those who have to wood to get out of the woods, and to town or to railroad loading stations.

Erma Lipke is visiting relatives at Chicago.

The Christmas exercises at the school house were up to the good standard set by the Hansen school.

A good feature and a new one was the music scale with eight black faces protruding through representing the notes of sheet music and running the scale of do-ra-me etc, finishing with negro songs of a fascinating character.

The advent of the co-operative creamery at Vesper has cut down the output of the Hansen creamery about one-third, notwithstanding reports of unscrupulous persons to the contrary.

The latest is a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lipke.

The new school law is compelling some needed schooling in this neighborhood.

School commenced Monday after a weeks vacation, the short time allotted being on account of the lateness of commencement in the fall.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Safe Medicine for Children.

In buying a cough medicine for children, never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is always sure to follow. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and there is no better medicine in the world for these diseases. It is not only a certain cure for croup, but, when given as soon as the attack, it will prevent the croupy cough from appearing, will prevent the attack of whooping cough, and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by Daily Drug & Jewelry Co.

## MONADNOCK RYE.

If you want a Straight First-Class Pure Food Whiskey call on  
**BRANSTEDT & FOLEY**  
AT THE STAR FOR  
**MONADNOCK RYE.**

## BIRON.

Miss Libbie McGraw of Rudolph is now at the Steve Snyder place, where she will stay for a while.

Miss Bertha Akoy, who has spent the Christmas vacation with her parents in this burg, left Saturday to resume her school duties on Monday at Richfield.

Mrs. Owen Laughlin and daughter Rosy arrived here Saturday after a couple weeks at Maryland visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Crockett of Rudolph spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Crockett.

A large gathering of small people gave a New Year's party on the children of the Kempfert family. The children came back with broad smiles saying they all had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff DeMars, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Snyder spent Sunday at Rudolph visiting Mr. DeMars' mother who is seriously ill.

Miss Farrell is now employed at the J. T. Herron home as cook.

Miss Hazel DeMars spent a few days last week at the Francis Biron home at Stevens Point.

Amil Stank, who has been laid up for some time, is somewhat better at this writing.

Joe Fobart and Mrs. Ulrik Shank and son Roy, attended the funeral of Mr. Jarvis of Port Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sipe were the guests of relatives and friends at the Rapids a few days last week.

## FROM THE ANTILES.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Beneficial to City Councilman at Kingston, Jamaica. Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think it should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle." For sale by Daily Drug & Jewelry Co.

## SIGEL.

Miss Frances Jagodzinski spent New Year's in Wild Rose with friends.

Miss Frances Jagodzinski visited Miss Annie Brown over Sunday.

It fits the arteries with rich, red blood, makes new flesh, and healthy men, women and children. Nothing can take its place; no remedy, home or foreign, can do it. Hold it as a life-saver. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Johnson & Hill Co.

## RUDOLPH.

Mrs. Bushmaker and son John were called to Green Bay by the sudden death of grandma Bushmaker, mother of John Bushmaker Sr.

Misses Grace and Ada Fox are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fox, during their holiday vacation.



## LOCAL NEWS.

Fred Filter spent New Year's in Chicago.

Miss Ivah Wooddell spent last week with friends at New London.

Frank Stahl was a business visitor in Marshfield one day last week.

Mrs. Geo. W. Parnell visited relatives at Merrillan the past week.

Miss Lucille Church visited with friends in Fond du Lac last week.

O. Leroux of Sherry was in the city on Monday transacting business.

Henry Karnitz spent New Year's in Marshfield visiting with friends.

Wm. Ule of Stevens Point was a business visitor in the city on Monday.

Chas. Dixon spent several days the past week in Minnesota on business.

Judge Charles E. Hahn of Marshfield transacted business in the city on Tuesday.

August Schwabke of Milwaukee spent New Year's day with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Walling of Winona arrived in the city Monday to spend a couple of weeks visiting at the W. E. Collier home.

Robert Kells, who has been west for the past year is home for an extended visit.

Chas. Witte and family are spending the week in Abbottsford visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Case of Milwaukee visited with relatives in the city last week.

Mrs. Geo. W. Parnell has been visiting the past week in Merrillan and Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Welton of Marshfield visited with relatives in the city on Friday.

Mrs. John E. Schmechel and children are visiting with relatives in Neenah this week.

Miss Clara Hamm spent New Year's Day with the Geo. Warren family at Wausau.

Julius Nelson of Sigel was a pleasant caller at the Tribune office on Friday afternoon.

Chas. Allie of Dunbar, was a guest at the home of his brother, Fred Logan, on Thursday.

Miss Gertrude Harris returned on Sunday from a week's visit with relatives in New Lisbon.

Mrs. E. S. Ranne is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Sanderson, at Oconto for a week or two.

Oscar Doughty and daughter Fern were called to Granton on Saturday by the death of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwabke returned last week from a week's visit with relatives in Algoma.

Mrs. Leland Richards of Merrill is a guest at the N. J. Richards home on the west side this week.

Alfred Schroeder of Sigel was among the pleasant callers at the Tribune office on Saturday.

Charles Bathke of the town of Sigel was a pleasant caller at the Tribune office on Monday.

Register of Deeds W. S. Powell spent a few days at Sparta the past week visiting his children.

Mrs. A. E. Gandy of Green Lake was in the city on Thursday a guest at the Geo. W. Paulus home.

Herman Pagel, one of the solid farmers of Vesper, was a pleasant caller at this office on Saturday.

Mrs. N. E. Emmons returned home from Chicago on Friday, her daughter Stella being considerably better.

Miss Ida Hammer has been seriously ill during the past week but is somewhat better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ula and daughter Myrtle, spent New Year's Day with relatives at Stevens Point.

Alvin Schneider visited his people in this city over the holidays, returning to his work at Quincy, Ill., on Friday.

The many friends of Ralph Smith, the veteran cranberry grower, will be pleased to hear of his recovery from a long and severe illness.

Plainfield Sun.—Mrs. Ridings and daughter, of Grand Rapids, have been guests at the Bennett, Lucco and Cronkhome homes during this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Searls of Wausau arrived in the city on Thursday and spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Searls.

James Case of Rudolph was in the city on Saturday visiting his friends on Thursday and while here he paid the Tribune office a pleasant call.

Mrs. Frank Reed and daughter Helen of Neenah visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kallong several days last week. They returned home on Friday.

Henry Gault, one of the hustling young farmers of Vesper was a business visitor in the city on Tuesday.

This office was favored with a pleasant call.

Miss Martha Johnson, who has been visiting at the home of Rev. H. B. Johnson, returned to Milwaukee on Monday to resume her studies at the normal school.

Miss Aurelia Bandelin, who has been one of the workers in the Seneca voting contest, was one of the lucky ones that received a diamond ring for her trouble.

The Consolidated people started up their mill again last week after being closed for a short time for alterations and repairs. Everything has since been running nicely.

Bob Bender and wife of Plummer, Minn., arrived here last week and will make this city their home hereafter. They are at present staying at the Bender home in Seneca.

The many friends of Charles Bender will be pleased to hear that he is fast recovering from a severe attack of blood poisoning and that he will soon be able to be around again.

Ben Lynn, who has been station agent and operator at Rudolph for some time past, has been transferred to Babcock where three operators are now employed with a staff of eight hours each.

The young people of the Second Moravian church met at the home of the Rev. H. B. Johnson on New Year evening and had a social time. Those in attendance report a very pleasant evening.

Wm. Whitrock, who has been spending the past month at Kallner visiting his sister, Mrs. Albert Meyer, departed on Sunday for Kallner, where he will work in the woods the remainder of the winter.

The Elks met at their hall on New Year Eve in an informal manner and spent a social evening. They smoked and played cards and later a turkey supper was served which was appreciated by all present.

Miss Mattie Reichel left last week for Neenah where she will visit her grandmother for a few days and then continue on to Madison where she will take up her studies at the University of Wisconsin again.

Fred M. Logan, in company with some Chicago parties, has purchased the stock of the C. Althaus store at Wausau and Mr. Logan will probably be there the greater part of the winter closing out the stock.

Next Monday evening a meeting will be held at the Foresters hall by those interested in organizing a humane society. An organization will be effected and those interested should make it a point to be present.

Attorney J. O. Davis returned on Tuesday from Richland Center, where he had been spending the holidays with his people. He reports his brother Roscoe, who has been suffering with typhoid fever, as getting along nicely.

The City Club kept open house for the members on New Year Day, and in the evening a lunch was served by Chief Taylor, which was partaken of by about twenty of the members. After supper those present engaged in card playing until going home time.

Arthur Sundet was here for a few days last week visiting his father and other friends. He left here on New Year Day for Schofield where he will occupy the position of telegraph operator. Nels Sundet went up on Monday evening to visit his son for a day.

The Seventh Day Adventists have their building so far completed that they are able to occupy it with their offices, and the change was made last week. They have a very nice substantial structure which will prove very useful for the purpose intended.

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## A SEXTON'S STORY

They sat in a pew quite near the door, Mr. and Mrs. Grey and their daughter, a delicate looking girl of about twenty. Sometimes there used to sit with them a young fellow who found the girl's place and shared his luncheon with her, once during a hymn sermon I saw him holding her hand.

Unfortunately Mrs. Grey saw him, too, and frowned her disapproval. I noticed he didn't sit there again. Instead an elderly gentleman occupied his seat and endeavored to find her place when she would let him, but she rarely did.

One Sunday she wasn't there nor he either, and for the first time the hymns were read out between Oliver Grey and Christopher Thornton.

One morning after the third time of asking I, as sexton, had orders to open and prepare the church for their marriage.

Suddenly the door was thrust open, and the young fellow burst in. I jumped up, saying:

"There is no hurry, sir; plenty of time. They haven't come yet."

"Thank heaven!" he ejaculated when he could speak. "My man, will you help me and earn \$100 at the same time?"

Then he told me what it was, his face white and anxious, his hands trembling, and I agreed. Perhaps I shouldn't have done so, but I was young myself then, and— and I could begin furnishing on my own account.

I proceeded to put everything in its place again. Then I went out into the church, locking the vestry door after me.

In the chancel I hurriedly put the hassocks into a neighboring pew, the books with them, and extinguished the lights.

Half an hour, three-quarters, went by before a boy came to tell me I was wanted at the church.

But I didn't hurry, having my promise to that young man in view. The vicar was waiting outside the vestry surrounded by the silvering bridal party. Mrs. Grey was in a towering passion when I arrived.

"How is this, Swift?" asked the vicar. "A marriage for 11:30 o'clock and the church not ready? Now it is after 12!" he went on, putting out his watch.

Unlocking the door, I stood back to let the party enter.

"I'm very sorry, sir," I said to the vicar as he passed. "I will explain afterward if I may."

He said no more, and I proceeded to get everything slowly ready again, keeping my eye on the clock.

It was nearly 12:30 o'clock when, unable to detain them any longer, we walked up the misty aisle into the dimly lighted chancel. We drew up in order before the altar rails, and the vicar said to me:

"What is the matter with you? Are you ill? Where are the books?"

I got them, and the service began.

The bottom end of the church could not be seen for the fog yet. I kept my eyes fixed on where I knew the door to be and listened with all my ears.

Presently I heard it open. So did she, and she looked over her shoulder, fear, hope, doubt, then hope again, mingled with a blessed relief, being written all over her pale face as the foot steps she knew so well came quietly but swiftly up the aisle.

We had just reached that part where the bridegroom says "I will" when the old man said "I will" almost before the words were well out of the vicar's mouth.

Then he turned to the bride with the same question, and she said:

"I won't!"

There was a dreadful pause, during which the vicar shut his book, and Mrs. Grey sunk down in weeping hysterics. The bridegroom put up his eye glass and stared at the girl's white face.

"Mother, father, dear, you have brought me here, knowing my repugnance for the—for the man you would have me marry, knowing that I loved Jack," she said, her voice sobbing.

"You worried me into this on the plea that this marriage would be of great assistance to you and sent Jack away with some story about my father's health. Thank heaven, he has found out the great wrong about to be perpetrated in time!"

Then out of the fog came Mr. Jack who took his stand beside her. They hadn't seen him until then.

"You are a wicked, ungrateful girl," sobbed a voice from the door.

"You—you published the banns without my consent or knowledge, mother. But I'm sorry for your humiliation, Mr. Thornton," she sobbed, turning to him. "It was unavoidable. I—I can't marry you."

"You don't intend to be married, Olive?" gasped her mother, who had sat up to listen.

"Oh, yes, I do—to Jack. Mother, dear," turning her bright, tearful face to that little lady, "no one can forbid me. I am my own mistress. I came of age yesterday. I wanted for that. Dad, you will give me away?" she asked.

So he gave her away, and Mrs. Grey, who had realized the truth, had to stand and see her married to the man she loved, for the vicar did marry them after seeing the special license was all correct, which Mr. Jack had been to procure and for which I had delayed the marriage.

I confessed everything to my vicar afterward, and he said:

"Well, Swift, I forgive you. I should have done the same myself at your age, but don't you do it again."

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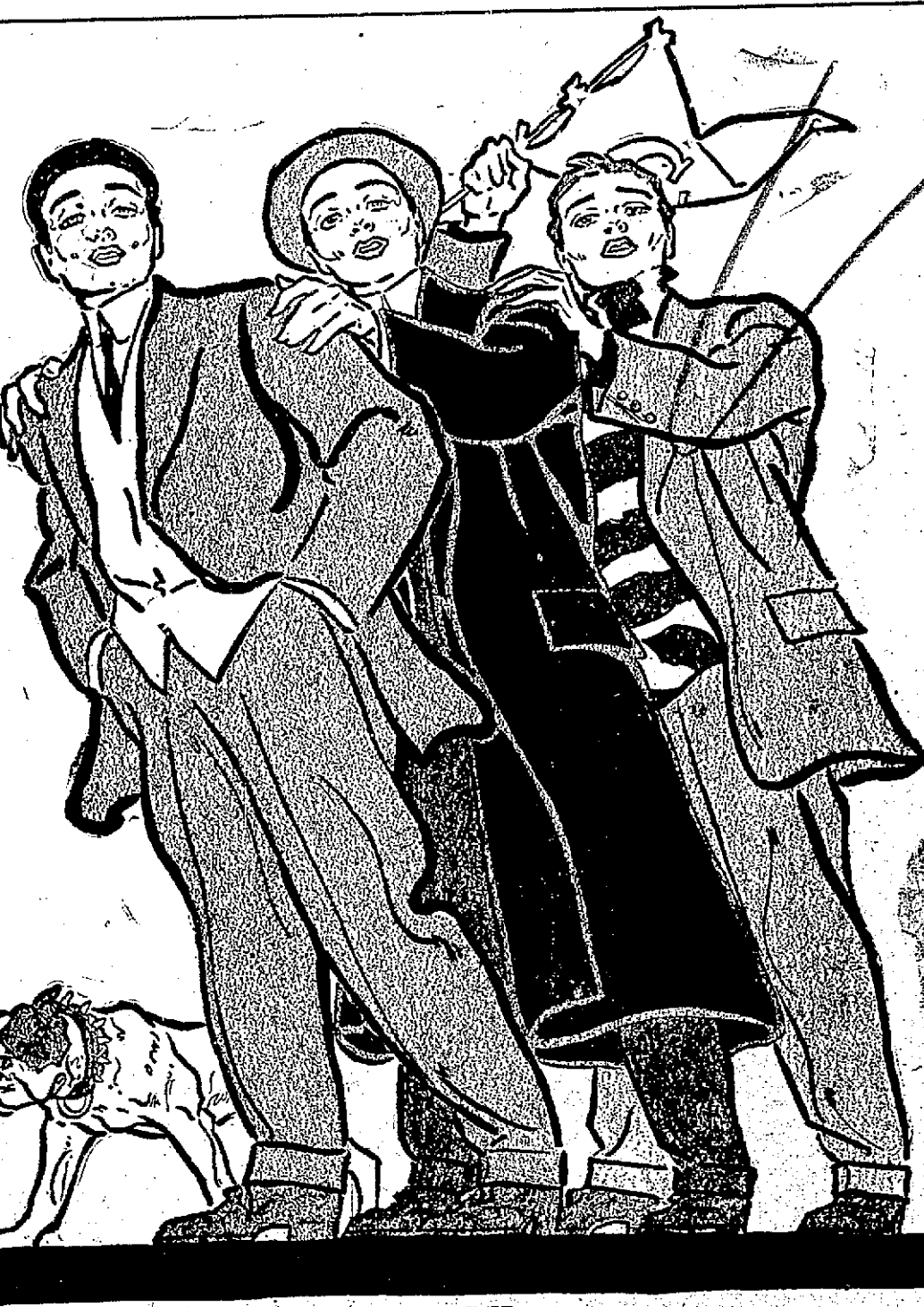
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